



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

Just Announced! Dental Wellness Plan Information Sessions: Delta Dental of Iowa will be hosting a variety of informational sessions throughout Iowa to educate the public about the new Dental Wellness Plan. The purpose of the session is to provide community-based organizations that engage with Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members and overview of the Dental Wellness Plan design and member engagement strategies. [See the flyer for dates, times and locations of the sessions.](#)

Health Risk Assessment White Paper Released, Tool Announced: Iowa Medicaid has released a white paper outlining the strategy and tool that will be used to administer the health risk assessment (HRA) for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members. The HRA can be completed to meet the Healthy Behaviors Program requirement to have potential contributions waived in the next year of enrollment. Iowa Medicaid will be using the How's Your Health tool. Read more about How's Your Health and Iowa Medicaid's approach in the white paper. [Access the paper here.](#)

Health Insurance Marketplace

Recent Announcement, Released by CMS March 26, Special Enrollment Periods in the Marketplace: The deadline for open enrollment is March 31. As the Administration said previously, those consumers who are in line by the March 31 deadline to complete enrollment, we will make sure you get covered. Just like Election Day, if you are in line when the polls close, you get to vote. We won't close the door on those who tried to get covered and were unable to do so through no fault of their own. So, those who were in line or had technical problems with the website can quickly come back and sign up as soon as possible.

Additionally, CMS also is clarifying that under limited circumstances, people with complex cases may qualify for a special enrollment period. These include, for example, victims of domestic abuse and consumers who were found ineligible for Medicaid, but whose accounts were not transferred to the Marketplace in a timely way before March 31. These special cases are for specific situations where a consumer was not able to successfully complete enrollment during the open enrollment period despite their efforts to do so and through no fault of their own.

- [Consumer Fact Sheet](#)
- [Assister Tips for People "In Line"](#)
- [Assister Tips for Complex Cases](#)
- [Guidance for Issuers on People "In Line"](#)
- [Guidance for Issuers on Complex Cases](#)

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